

Service Building and the building is used to capacity, no active attempt to increase enrollment has been made. However, after May 19, the extended care unit will be housed in the public school building, the nursery school enrollment will be pushed to a capacity enrollment of eighty.

In answer to much demand the service was extended from day care to twenty-four hour service, as of March 8. This move was made because workers on the lines at S. O. W. are on rotating schedules, so that every two weeks they change shifts. The shifts are 8 - 4, 4 - 12, 12 - 8. Obviously, then, to be of any material aid to the parents, the nursery schools (or any other units) must be prepared to care for children for a full twenty-four hours.

The health of the children in the nursery school units and extended care unit is well cared for. The usual physical examination is required before a child attends. Three nurses are on the staff, each on an eight-hour shift, so that one is continuously at the child service building. Should a child become ill, he is taken to the isolation room, which is in the administration building, immediately adjacent to the child service building. There he is kept, under the observation and care of the staff nurse, until his mother can call for him.

The staff is discussed under notes appended to the proposed budget.

EXTENDED CARE UNIT:

Extended care was begun at Sunflower Village on April 10, with the enrollment held down to ten children for a trial period. Now, after four weeks, the enrollment has increased to over twenty. An enrollment of about fifty is expected when the public schools are dismissed for the summer on May 19.

At the present time the unit is housed in the Child Service Building. As of May 19, however, it will be moved into the school building, immediately adjacent to the Child Service Building. When school reconvenes in the fall, and the space in the school building is again in use, the unit will be housed in one of the dwelling units, probably.

There is particular need for this service for the first and second grade children since these grades are conducted on shifts. Group A attends school from 8:30 to 10:30 and from 12:30 to 2:30. Group B attends school from 10:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30. Because of this plan, extended service at the Child Service Building is not just after school care, but is round the clock care, for some school children are present at all times.

As in the nursery schools and proposed baby unit, twenty-four hour service is a necessity for working parents. In the case of the extended care unit, twenty-four hour care is accomplished economically by having the older children sleep at the Child Service Building, where they are cared for by the nursery school night staff.

Meals for the extended care group will be prepared, as they are now, in the kitchen at the Child Service Building, and served there.

New powder lines are being set up at S. O. W., and the plant is expanding rapidly. Naturally this heightens the problem of finding workers. In a talk with the interviewers of the Hercules personnel department, I was told that